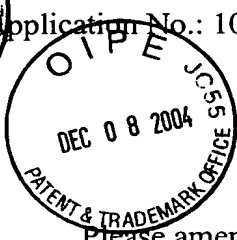


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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as specified herein in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by adding the new paragraph as indicated below. The amended paragraph contains no new matter.

Specifically, please add the following new paragraph after the title and before the "Background of the Invention":

—Related Applications

This application claims priority to, and the benefit of, PCT International Application Number PCT/DE00/02256 filed on July 4, 2000 claiming priority to German application DE 199 30 935.3 filed July 7, 1999 and German application DE 299 15 308.8, filed September 1, 1999 for all subject matter common to all applications.—

Furthermore, please replace the existing paragraph describing the figures on page 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

— The following discussion presents an embodiment of the invention in more detail based on the drawings.

Figs. 1, ~~through 2~~, and 3 show various views of a housing shell for a behind the ear hearing aid;

Fig. 4 shows a commercially available front plate designed for use with in ear hearing aids; and

Figs. 5 and 6 show stages in the fabrication of a behind the hear hearing aid coupled with the face plate for use with in ear hearing aids of Fig. 4, according to the present invention. —